Alleged application of the Rent Reduction Act in non-estate villages.

* 257 Q.—JANAB MAHOMED SALIH MARAIKAYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether it is a fact that even in villages declared as non-estates, the Rent Reduction Act is being applied by Officers of Government?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes. There have been cases in which the Rent Reduction Act has been applied by mistake to villages which have been held by civil courts to be not estates governed by the Estates Land Act. Action is being taken to stop collection of rents under the Rent Reduction Act in such villages."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—RULES GOVERNING ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I hope the House will remember that at the last sitting I told the House that I would circulate a note regarding rules governing adjournment motions. Holidays intervened and so I could not do it. I will have it circulated in a day or two.

" In the meantime I have received a number of adjournment motions. In this connexion I wish to read what the famous Speaker of the House of Commons, Mr. Peel, said in regard to adjournment motions. He said : ' What I think was contemplated was the occurrence of some sudden emergency '. That is the principle laid down by him. I sympathise with hon. Members here, because they have not got as many opportunities to discuss matters as the Members of Parliament have in England. Every day they have got a half-hour debate. I have sent a suggestion for such half-hour debates to the Members of the Rules Committee asking them to give their suggestions. So, when the House accepts the Rules, there will be greater opportunities for Members for debate. That apart, the House would probably be anxious to know the number of adjournment motions admitted in England.

Session.	Number of motions. Offered.	Refused by Speaker.	Allowed by Speaker.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1921 ..	11	3	8
1922 ..	14	10	4
1923 ..	13	11	2
1924 ..	7	5	2
1924–25 ..	6	6	0
1926 ..	10	10	0
1927 ..	1	1	0
1928 ..	5	3	2
1928–29 ..	1	1	0

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Session. (1)	Number of motions. Offered. (2)	Refused by Speaker. (3)	Allowed by Speaker. (4)
1929–30 ..	7	4	3
1930–31 ..	6	5	1
1931–32 ..	6	6	0
1932–33 ..	6	6	0
1933–34 ..	4	3	1
1934–35 ..	4	4	0
1935–36 ..	3	2	1
1936-37 ..	4	2	2
1937–38 ..	2	0	2
1938–39 ..	4	4	0
	114	86	28
Annual average	6·0	4·5	1·5

So, from 1921 to 1939 both years inclusive, 114 adjournment motions were offered, out of which 86 were refused and only 28 were admitted by the Speaker in England.''

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—'' After 1939 the gentlemen there stopped giving any adjournment motions, I think.'' (Laughter.)

MR. SPEAKER :—'' So, on an average, six adjournment motions were offered every year and 4·5 were refused by the Speaker and only 1·5 allowed. But, I have been receiving in this House at least quarter dozen adjournment motions every day.''

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—'' అధ్యక్షా, మీరు బ్రిటిషు పార్లమెంటులో adjournment motions ను గురించి statistics 1921 నుంచి 1939 వరకు యిచ్చారు. అందులో recent గా ఏమైనా, అంటే 1945 నుంచి 1952 సంవత్సరాల మధ్య dispose of అయినటువంటివి ఏమైనా ఉంటే చెప్పండి.''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' The hon. Member may speak in English at least to me.'' (Laughter.)

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—'' He wants to know the latest figures from 1945 to 1952.''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' No, these figures are from the report of a Select Committee constituted to go into the rules and make new suggestions. Now, I will read out the adjournment motions.''

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' May I make a suggestion, Sir. If the Chair rules any adjournment motion out of order, it is not necessary to bring it to the notice of the House and ask the Members to explain it. Only in cases where there is likely to be some argument from the Members to convince you that it is in order, it need be placed before the House. Otherwise it will be regular waste of time, and perhaps the intention of

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the Member in giving notice of an adjournment motion is to get an opportunity to make a speech. I respectfully submit, therefore, that it is not necessary to bring all the adjournment motions to the notice of the House."

MR. SPEAKER :—" That is the procedure I used to follow hitherto. But at the request of the Hon. Leader of the Opposition, I am bringing them to the notice of the House."

* SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" In reply to what the Hon. the Leader of the House has said, I must say that I cannot agree with him. It is not for making a speech here, that we moved an adjournment motion, because we have lots of opportunities to make speeches. Therefore it is not because of a fatal temptation to make a speech that we give notice of adjournment motions. But as you are aware, the rules at present are not very clear. We have not been able to understand exactly what are out of order and what are in order. That is the reason why I have requested you, Sir, to read out these adjournment motions and tell us where we go wrong so that we may not repeat such mistakes. I think we can discuss these also in the Rules Committee and I am glad you have also suggested a half-hour debate every day. If that is done, it will minimize our difficulties. The smallness of the number of adjournment motions in England is due to the fact that there they have got greater opportunities to raise these matters in the daily half-hour debate. However, I would request you to take all these considerations into your mind and read out the adjournment motions and let us know where our motions are out of order."

MR. SPEAKER :—"Apart from that, in the half-hour debates there is no division at all; the matter is talked out."

III.—ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri K. Vinayakam has given notice of the following adjournment motion :—

(1) *Allegations of corruption against an Indian Civil Service Officer.*

'This House do stand adjourned to discuss an urgent matter of public importance regarding the grave allegations made by the hon'ble Mr. Sarangadhar Das, M.P., in the House of the People about corruption charges against an Indian Civil Service Officer belonging to the Madras State and to institute a Committee to enquire into those alleged corruption charges.'

This is in regard to the allegations made by a Member in the House of the People against an I.C.S. Officer that he is corrupt and I do not know how it can be brought as an adjournment motion in this House."

11-40 a.m. SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" I think, Sir, the Hon. Minister for Commerce also stated in Parliament that the charges were pending investigation. So, it is not as if it was a mere allegation that was made."

MR. SPEAKER :—" But it is not urgent."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" That is another point, Sir."